

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Although Applicant does not amend the claims, the Applicant submits the following listing of claims for the Examiner's convenience.

1. (original) A method for analyzing a capital investment in medical resources for a medical facility, the method comprising:

providing access to an investment analysis system via a network;

providing a network interface for communication with the investment analysis system, the network interface comprising a form for transmitting client data to the investment analysis system;

analyzing the client data with the investment analysis system, wherein the client data comprises financial data relating to a desired capital investment in medical resources for the medical facility;

generating an investment analysis report of the desired capital investment, wherein the investment analysis report is tailored to the client data; and

transmitting the investment analysis report to a client via the network.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, comprising coupling the investment analysis system to the Internet.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, comprising storing at least a portion of the client data, and tailoring the form for the client according to the portion of client data.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, comprising receiving the client data from the network interface at the investment analysis system via the network.

5. (original) The method of claim 4, comprising receiving an investment cost for the desired capital investment.

6. (original) The method of claim 4, comprising receiving a financing amount for the desired capital investment.

7. (original) The method of claim 4, comprising receiving financing terms for the desired capital investment.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, comprising receiving an interest rate.

9. (original) The method of claim 4, comprising receiving an internal discount rate set by the client for evaluating investment acceptability.

10. (original) The method of claim 4, comprising receiving medical procedure statistics expected to be changed by implementing the desired capital investment.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, comprising receiving projected statistics for a new medical procedure generated by the desired capital investment.

12. (original) The method of claim 10, comprising receiving projected statistics for a lost medical procedure from implementing the desired capital investment.

13. (original) The method of claim 10, comprising receiving a projected mix of payor types for a medical procedure.

14. (original) The method of claim 13, comprising receiving the projected mix for inpatients and outpatients at the medical facility.

15. (original) The method of claim 4, comprising receiving a projected inflation rate.

16. (original) The method of claim 4, comprising receiving a projected revenue generated by implementing the desired capital investment.

17. (original) The method of claim 4, comprising receiving a projected revenue lost by implementing the desired capital investment.

18. (original) The method of claim 4, comprising receiving a projected revenue deduction relating to the desired capital investment.

19. (original) The method of claim 4, comprising receiving a desired timing for implementing the desired capital investment.

20. (original) The method of claim 4, comprising receiving a projected value of existing medical resources to be replaced by the desired capital investment.

21. (original) The method of claim 4, comprising receiving projected tax data for the medical facility.

22. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein generating an investment analysis report comprises generating pro forma financial statements tailored to the client data.

23. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein generating an investment analysis report comprises generating a discounted cash flow analysis report.

24. (original) The method of claim 23, wherein generating a discounted cash flow analysis report comprises generating a net present value analysis report.

25. (original) The method of claim 23, wherein generating a discounted cash flow analysis report comprises comparing a plurality of the desired capital investments.

26. (original) A system for analyzing a capital investment in medical resources for a medical facility, the system comprising:

a client computer system for the medical facility;

a financial analysis system remote from the medical facility;

a network for coupling the client computer system to the financial analysis system;

and

an investment analysis module operative on the financial analysis system for analyzing the capital investment in a desired medical resource, wherein the client computer system is configured to transmit client data to the investment analysis module, the client data comprising financial data relating to the capital investment, and the investment analysis module is configured to evaluate the client data and to generate an investment analysis report of the capital investment tailored to the client data.

27. (original) The system of claim 26, wherein the financial analysis system comprises a set of financial rules comprising tax rules for evaluating tax consequences of the capital investment.

28. (original) The system of claim 26, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

29. (original) The system of claim 26, comprising a client interface configured for exchanging information between the medical facility and the financial analysis system via the network.

30. (original) The system of claim 29, wherein the client interface comprises a form configured for entering and transmitting client data to the financial analysis system.

31. (original) The system of claim 30, wherein the form comprises fields for entering an investment cost for the capital investment.

32. (original) The system of claim 30, wherein the form comprises fields for entering a financing amount and terms for the capital investment.

33. (original) The system of claim 30, wherein the form comprises fields for entering an internal discount rate set by the client for evaluating investment acceptability.

34. (original) The system of claim 30, wherein the form comprises fields for entering medical procedure statistics expected to be changed by implementing the capital investment.

35. (original) The system of claim 30, wherein the form comprises fields for entering projected statistics for new or lost medical procedures expected from implementing the capital investment.

36. (original) The system of claim 30, wherein the form comprises fields for entering a projected mix of payor types for a medical procedure.

37. (original) The system of claim 30, wherein the form comprises fields for entering a projected revenue generated by implementing the capital investment.

38. (original) The system of claim 30, wherein the form comprises fields for entering a projected revenue lost by implementing the capital investment.

39. (original) The system of claim 30, wherein the form comprises fields for entering a desired timing for implementing the capital investment.

40. (original) The system of claim 30, wherein the form comprises fields for entering financial statistics relating to operation of the medical facility.

41. (original) The system of claim 30, wherein the form comprises fields for entering a projected value of existing medical resources to be replaced by the capital investment.

42. (original) The system of claim 30, wherein the form comprises fields for entering projected tax data for the medical facility.

43. (original) The system of claim 29, wherein the client interface comprises at least one page for displaying the investment analysis report.

44. (original) The system of claim 43, wherein the at least one page comprises a pro forma financial statement tailored to the client data.

45. (original) The system of claim 43, wherein the at least one page comprises a time value of money analysis report.

46. (original) The system of claim 43, wherein the at least one page comprises a capital investment analysis summary for a plurality of the capital investments.

47. (original) The system of claim 29, comprising a client identification system configured for identifying the client and tailoring the client interface to the client.

48. (original) A method for facilitating a capital investment in a medical facility, the method comprising:

providing a network interface for a client to exchange information with a financial analysis system remote from the client, the network interface having fields for entering client data relating to the capital investment desired for the medical facility;

receiving and processing the client data transmitted from the network interface to the financial analysis system via a network;

obtaining a financial analysis of the capital investment from a financial analysis system, the financial analysis comprising an evaluation of projected revenues and expenses relating to expected changes from implementing the capital investment; and

transmitting the financial analysis to the client via the network.

49. (original) The method of claim 48, comprising receiving an investment cost for the capital investment.

50. (original) The method of claim 48, comprising receiving a financing amount and terms for the capital investment.

51. (original) The method of claim 48, comprising receiving an internal discount rate set by the client for evaluating investment acceptability.

52. (original) The method of claim 48, comprising receiving medical procedure statistics expected to be changed by implementing the capital investment.

53. (original) The method of claim 48, comprising receiving projected statistics for new or lost medical procedures expect from implementing the capital investment.

54. (original) The method of claim 48, comprising receiving a projected mix of payor types for a medical procedure.

55. (original) The method of claim 48, wherein transmitting the financial analysis comprises providing a time value of money analysis of the capital investment.

56. (original) The method of claim 48, wherein transmitting the financial analysis comprises providing pro forma financial statements tailored to the client data.

57. (original) The method of claim 48, wherein transmitting the financial analysis comprises providing a break-even analysis of the capital investment.

58. (original) The method of claim 48, wherein transmitting the financial analysis comprises providing an investment comparison of a plurality of the capital investments.

59. (original) The method of claim 48, comprising generating the financial analysis with the financial analysis system.

60. (original) A method for a healthcare provider to evaluate a desired capital investment in medical resources, the method comprising:

providing a network interface for a client to exchange information with a financial analysis system remote from the client, the network interface having a form for entering client financial data relating to the capital investment desired for the medical facility;

receiving and processing the client financial data transmitted from the network interface to the financial analysis system via a network, wherein the client financial data comprises projected financial statistics relating to changes in medical procedures expected from implementing the capital investment;

obtaining an investment analysis of the capital investment from a financial analysis system, wherein the investment analysis is tailored to the client financial data; and
transmitting the investment analysis to the client via the network.

61. (original) The method of claim 60, comprising receiving an investment cost for the capital investment.

62. (original) The method of claim 60, comprising receiving a financing amount and terms for the capital investment.

63. (original) The method of claim 60, comprising receiving an internal discount rate set by the client for evaluating investment acceptability.

64. (original) The method of claim 60, comprising receiving projected revenues gained or lost from medical procedures gained or lost from implementing the capital investment.

65. (original) The method of claim 60, comprising receiving a projected mix of payor types for a medical procedure.

66. (original) The method of claim 60, wherein transmitting the financial analysis comprises providing a time value of money analysis of the capital investment.

67. (original) The method of claim 60, wherein transmitting the financial analysis comprises providing pro forma financial statements tailored to the client data.